

Present: Alderpersons John Alt, John Ellington and Heather Kierzek
Absent: None
Also Present: Mayor, Mike Palm; City Administrator, Kennie Downing; Finance Director, Cynthia Haggard; Police Chief, Mark Schauf; City Attorney, Emily Truman; and City Clerk, Brenda Zeman.
Citizen Present: Styles Grant, Robert Hasse, Elizabeth Hudson and Justin Mortimer

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Alt at 8:15AM CST., with roll call and noting compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Moved by Ellington to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020, seconded by Kierzek and unanimously carried.

Motion by Kierzek to approve amended agenda, seconded by Ellington and unanimously carried.

Review and recommendation to the Council – Operator's Licenses.

Chief Schauf mentioned there was nothing precluding the issuance of licenses to Brittney Saxby and Vicki Weyh and recommended approval.

Motion to recommend to approve and move on to Council the Operator's Licenses for Brittney Saxby and Vicki Weyh by Ellington, seconded by Kierzek and unanimously carried.

In relation to Styles Grant's Operator's License, Chief Schauf stated in order for there to be a denial, there has to be a Nexus. The Nexus has to be very strong and compelling. This individual is on probation not allowing him to sell alcohol. He cannot violate his Department of Corrections (DOC) rules. Mr. Grant submitted a letter from his DOC Probation Officer as support for him being issued an Operator's License. Chief Schauf took the letter and will reach out to the Probation Officer before the next Council meeting. Chief Schauf was in favor of a conditional approval.

Motion by Kierzek Motion to recommend a conditional approval to allow the Chief to complete his investigation, seconded by Ellington and unanimously carried.

Review and recommendation to Council for excessive household animals – Robert Hasse & Elizabeth Hudson.

Cynthia Haggard began by stating that letters were sent to adjacent property owners giving them notice of the meeting today. An adjacent neighbor, Justin Mortimer, stated he didn't have a problem with the three dogs. Alderperson Alt noted that Mr. Mortimer had concerns with an aggressive dog, but that Mr. Mortimer did not have an issue with the multiple dogs.

Chief Schauf mentioned that there were two very different specific issues: One with multiple dogs and the other with dogs at large. With the later, the Police Department will address that section of the code, as needed.

Motion to recommend to approve and move on to Council the waiver for excessive household animals by Kierzek, seconded by Ellington and unanimously carried.

Review and recommend adopting a Meeting Room Reservation Policy

Chief Schauf stressed the importance of having this Policy as the demand for meeting space for this building has increased. This Policy addresses security when Civic groups are present. This policy also protects against the potential of groups preaching messages that go against City intrinsic values. In summary, this policy addresses the safety of the employees here at the City and the potential for liability.

Motion to approve and move on to Council the Meeting Room Reservation Policy by Ellington, seconded by Kierzek and unanimously carried.

Member comments

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 8:15AM CST. Meeting location will be 101 South Boulevard.

Motion to adjourn by Kierzek, seconded by Ellington and unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:16AM CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Haggard, Finance Director